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SCHOOL CLOSED TO-DAY

Vacation Time Arrives and Pupils of Public School Rejoice.

FIVE BOYS AND TWO GIRLS GRADUATE

Year Just Closed Has Been Very Successful—Rapid Growth.

Today was the last day of the spring term of the public school, and the pupils will enjoy the long summer vacation to the limit, and come back again in the fall with renewed energy to enter upon the work of another year.

The year just closed has been one of the most successful in the history of the school, and would indicate that the beautiful new school house was not completed any too soon, for next fall one more room must be opened and another teacher added to the faculty. There has been a gain of nearly 50 per cent in attendance during the year, and indications are that next year will show an even larger gain.

The graduating class this year numbers seven, five boys and two girls, namely:

Marjorie Rice.
Anna Janson.
Harold Costello.
Fred Hatfield.
Irving McDaniels.
Ralph Odwarker.
Edward Melvin.

While all have not yet decided fully upon their future course, they will probably continue their studies next year in the following schools:

Fred Hatfield and Ralph Odwarker, Throop; Irving McDaniels and Anna Janson, high school at Los Angeles; Harold Costello, at the Quaker college, Whittier; Marjorie Rice, undecided; Edward Melvin, high school, Oakland.

The present enrollment of the school by grades follows:

In Miss Gifford's room—
First grade.....20
Second grade.....13
Third grade.....13
In Miss Hough's room—
Fourth grade.....14
Fifth grade.....16
Sixth grade.....21
In Mr. Coates' room—
Seventh and Eighth grades.....21

Total enrollment.....118

During the year the school was moved from the old building at Central and Baldwin avenues to the fine new school house on Highland and Auburn avenues, which is justly the pride of Sierra Madre, being one of the best lighted, heated and ventilated, and most attractive architecturally of any of the schools of Southern California of

its size. The grounds are spacious and there are many beautiful trees, but as there is still room for many more, we would suggest that each graduating class—and with a class so small as the first, that each member—plant at least one tree on the school grounds to be left as an heiratage for future generations.

The News extends congratulations to teachers and pupils for the good work accomplished the past years, with the wish that all may enjoy a pleasant vacation.

High School Commencement.

A party of Sierra Madre people attended the high school commencement exercises held in Pasadena Friday night. The graduating class was a large one, nearly sixty in number, and the First Methodist church, where commencement was held, was taxed to its utmost to accommodate the friends of the graduates. Rev. Robert E. McIntyre delivered the address of the evening, taking as his subject "The Battle of Life."

Bruce Gordon Kingsley presided at the organ.

The exercises were unusually interesting and lasted until after eleven. Our two graduates, Miss Elsie Caskey and Miss Maybelle Caley, returned to Sierra Madre heavily laden with flowers and other honors.

Monrovia Graduates.

Nineteen girls and five boys will be graduated from the Monrovia high school this evening, and the graduates next year will number 50 per cent more than that. Frank G. Tyrell of Los Angeles will be the chief speaker at the commencement exercises this evening. The class play, "A Russian Honeymoon," was given by members of the class at the opera house Tuesday.

Violating Postal Regulations.

Postmaster Gregory calls attention to the following from the Postmasters' Advocate: "Persons are being arrested in different parts of the country and a minimum fine of \$10 being imposed for writing on matter that is being sent as third class. Most of the offenders seem to be those who write short notes when enclosing tobacco tags, syrup tags, clipped trade-marks, etc., in order to get premiums. While only a few words are written on such matter, it is necessary for persons to pay letter postage, and these small fines are being imposed to teach them the law."

The Hague Conference.

Active work at the Hague international peace conference opened Tuesday with President Neildoff's appointment of four sub-presidencies to commissions that will discuss and report back to the whole body their conclusions on the various subjects reported to them. The appointees are M. Burgoise of France, Signor Tarnielli of Italy, Professor Martens of Russia, and M. Beernaert of Belgium. Joseph Choate of the United States declined a presidency on the ground that he could do better on the floor of the conference.

Horse Runs Away.

Last Friday a horse belonging to Mr. E. Stanton of the Sierra Madre Dairy Company became frightened at a young child who was rolling a small wagon on the sidewalk, broke from its fastening and started to run. While its mad career was of short duration, it might have had serious consequences, barely escaping a loaded carriage.

The animal had gone but a short distance when it encountered some trees back of the Hotel Sierra Madre, badly smashing the wagon and breaking a number of bottles, causing a financial loss of about \$25 to its owner. This is the third runaway Mr. Stanton has suffered within a short time.

Police Can't Swear.

Profanity is prohibited in the Ocean Park police department. Chief C. L. Foster posted orders stating that profanity will not be tolerated among members of the force and that loafing is forbidden, says the Express. While particular criticism is not aimed at the present force, former officers achieved such a reputation for proficiency in the use of profane language that many complaints were made to the head of the department.

Northwestern Floods.

A dispatch from Edmonton, N. W. T., says melting snows in the great region tapped by the Saskatchewan river have swelled the waters to an unprecedented height and the flood is sweeping down the valley, covering an area of 500 square miles. The damage to the lumber rafts made up from the winter's cuttings will amount to hundreds of thousands of dollars. Every raft for a distance of 1000 miles along the North Saskatchewan is in danger and the vast majority has already been broken up and swept away. The flood is increasing and the scattered inhabitants of this vast region are fleeing to the hills.

Assess According to Statute.

The state board of equalization has issued circulars to the assessors of every county that the assessments of corporations must be made in accordance with sections 3608, 3609 and 3610 of the political code. The plan inaugurated by Assessor Dodge of San Francisco five years ago of assessing franchises is to be followed. He succeeded in adding \$5,000,000 to the city's roll in the year 1905, and the income by the state will be proportionately large. Dodge's assessment was fought to the supreme court, which finally decided that the San Francisco assessor was correct in his contention.

Want G. O. P. Convention.

Five cities have already made formal application for the next republican national convention. They are Seattle, Denver, St. Louis, Kansas City and Chicago. It is expected that St. Paul and Philadelphia also will put in bids.

FIRST NATIONAL BANK

Opened Its Doors for Business Monday Morning, June 17.

PERMANENT FIXTURES NOT YET HERE

But Enterprising Bankers Do Business Just the Same.

Without counters or bank fixtures save a desk, table and a few chairs, Cashier H. G. Flint of the First National Bank of Sierra Madre opened its doors for business at 10 o'clock last Monday morning, as per schedule announced last week. There had been several delays in the date of opening, and the officers felt it would be better to begin business under difficulties than to cause another postponement of the opening date. The bank stationery, check books, etc., will soon arrive, and the counters will be placed in position at the earliest possible moment, though it may take three or four weeks to complete the work. In the meantime Mr. Flint will make the best of the situation, and extend the glad hand to all patrons of the institution.

The officers of the new bank are: President, Alfred Cooper; first vice-president, C. S. Kersting; second vice-president, A. D. Hawks; cashier, H. G. Flint; directors, Alfred Cooper, C. S. Kersting, A. D. Hawks, H. G. Flint, Chas. H. Baker, F. T. Sibley, N. H. Hosmer, E. W. Camp, and L. C. Torrance.

The First National Bank was incorporated January 17, 1907, and its charter was granted May 23, 1907.

The bank is supplied with safety deposit boxes, and as they are being rapidly taken and are limited in number, those desiring them will have to make application soon.

Mr. H. G. Flint, the cashier, is a new acquisition to Sierra Madre business circles, and comes highly recommended by bankers from his former home in Michigan, where he had been engaged in the banking business for some years.

While opening under difficulties, in the absence of permanent fixtures and stationery, the business of the first week has been eminently satisfactory, and gives assurance of a prosperous career for the First National Bank.

Sturtevant Improving.

Word was received a few days ago, through one of the nurses at the Soldiers' Home at Sawtelle who visited in town, that W. S. Sturtevant, who recently suffered a stroke of paralysis while on the trail, was rapidly improving and had to a great extent recovered the use of his left side. He is a man with a constitution of iron and it is this that has helped him through an experience which few men many years younger could stand.

FACTOR OF CIVILIZATION.

Interesting Discourse on the Establishment of Church in America.

Last Sunday evening Rev. Charles E. Bentham of the Church of the Ascension delivered an address on the founding of the Episcopal church in America, three hundred years ago, taking as his text II. Timothy, 3-14. Mr. Bentham said:

I think that we are all agreed that the great factor of civilization is the religion of Jesus Christ. The religiously enlightened intellect is the great highway which leads to the highest development of mankind. And, too, there is no better way of making a good citizen than by making him a good Christian.

The world must be civilized, hence the world must be christianized.

Nations and people are made strong when their principles of progress are founded upon the doctrine of the true and only God.

Jesus Christ Himself was very careful to emphasize the essential necessity of temporal citizenship, and we see this almost idealized when He commanded St. Peter to cast the line and take from the mouth of the fish the money for His and the Apostles' taxes.

The church and state are united, if not in a corporate sense, yet in a true and spiritual sense. The church has always sought to enhance the relations between the state and herself. And it seems to be historical that the church must first go forward and the state, so soon as practicable, follows after.

Today the church has been celebrating the 300th anniversary of her establishment of the corporate body of the church in these United States.

We have records of earlier services of the church in this country as in 1578, when "one Maister Wollfall" who, out of missionary zeal, devoted himself to the work of an evangelist, and was, it is believed, the first minister of the English church who labored in North America. We have a record of his having celebrated the Holy Communion on the shores of Hudson Bay.

Sir Francis Drake carried with him as his chaplain the Rev. Francis (or Martin) Fletcher. Upon his discovering, on or about St. John Baptist's Day, 1579, the coast of Oregon, which at present forms a part of the state of California, religious services were held on land for the space of six weeks. These were probably the first religious services held by the clergy of the English church in America, but these were not in connection with permanent colonies.

The next evidence we have of public church services is furnished in the records of the company which landed at Jamestown, Virginia, May 13, 1607. Their chaplain was the Rev. Robert Hunt, M. A., sometime Vicar of Reculver, Kent. He was chosen by the first president of the colony, Edward Maria Wingfield, and by Dr. Bancroft, the archbishop of Canterbury, as the chaplain of the emigrants.

Immediately upon their arrival they began making arrangements for divine service. An old sail served for an awning, rails of wood for walls, unhewn trees for seats, and a bar of wood nailed to two trees for a pulpit. An equally rustic altar was erected, and here the Holy Communion was celebrated for the first time, on the third Sunday after Trinity, June 21, 1607.

I think that we may well look back with a feeling of gratitude to God to

that day of prayer as marking the first corporate act of that little body of people who were to be the foundation stones, as it were, of this great nation. About that same time there was that man of God, Rev. Richard Seymour, who came in the ship "Mary and John" whose captain was Raleigh Gilbert, and then the "City of God," commanded by John Popham.

It was this company that landed on the Island of St. George, near the peninsula of Sabino in Maine. Here it was that Mr. Seymour, by the side of the cross, worshipped God in the familiar words of the book of common prayer.

And it might be well to say in passive that the little church at Jamestown was the scene of the first recorded meeting of a body of legislators (known as the House of Burgesses) duly elected for the promotion of civil and religious education.

All these facts already related are all the more noteworthy, in as much as they prove that the church, in her provision for the spiritual welfare of the people, was considerably in advance of the Puritans, for whom the honor of originally making such provision is frequently claimed. The foundation of both church and state were laid, even in New England, before the Leyden Pilgrims had set sail.

"It may also be interesting," says Leighton Coleman, "to surmise what the character of North America would have been, had Columbus, resisting the counsel of Pinzon, sailed westward according to his own original plan. In all probability he would have landed on the coast of what is now the United States, and that country would have received its religious bias from a Roman Catholic population. It would seem to many to have been a merciful intervention of Providence that its character should have been determined by the adherents of the Anglican church." This is all the more evident when we reflect upon the fact that, although the United States were colonized a century later than Spanish America and had then a less fertile territory, covered with dense forests, and with no known gold or silver deposits, they have far outstripped that portion of the continent in every element of greatness and prosperity. If for the next 150 years and subsequent to 1607, we had no documentary evidence of the history of the church's struggle, at the time of the constitution of the United States and the declaration of American independence we would discover that her progress and influence had been great.

Two-thirds of the members of the First Continental Congress held at Philadelphia in 1774 were Episcopalians. The same proportion obtained in the congress which declared our independence. Of the fifty-five actual signers of the Declaration of Independence, thirty-five were Episcopalians, twelve were Congregationalists, four Presbyterians, three Quakers, one Baptist, and one Roman Catholic. Eight of the twelve generals in the continental army were Episcopalians, while the president, George Washington, himself was a vestryman and warden.

It seems to me, as I look into the history of the church during those days, that she too must struggle for her independence with the American colonies.

I recall how that a godly man, one Samuel Seabury, was elected by his brethren of the ministry. As soon as possible after the election, the clergy of Connecticut addressed, by the hand of the secretary, memorials to the archbishops of Canterbury and York, urging them to consecrate the first bishop for the American colonies. What was his chagrin to discover on his arrival in England that his consecration would not be granted on the ground of his re-

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fusal to take the oath of allegiance to the sovereign. For one whole year did Dr. Seabury plead his cause, and in a letter to Mr. Jarvis of Connecticut under date of May 27, 1784, he says: "Believe me, there is nothing that is not base that I would not do, nor any risk that I would not run, nor any inconvenience to myself that I would not encounter, to carry this business into effect. And I assure you, if I do not succeed it shall not be my fault." In this spirit he left England and applied to the Scotch bishops. The latter lost no time in signifying their readiness to proceed, and on Sunday, November 14, 1784, Dr. Seabury was consecrated at Aberdeen.

Thus the first bishop of the American church was consecrated by the bishops of the Scotch or nonjuring church. So that the American Episcopacy began its existence at about the same time as did the American people become a free republic.

And are we not justified in saying that as Philadelphia, on July 4, 1776, was the cradle of American independence, so Jamestown, Virginia, on June 21, 1607, was the cradle of her church life?

And is it not true that no church can elevate the worship of Jesus, teach the brotherhood of man and the Fatherhood of God, and teach above everything else, in essentials unity, in non-essentials liberty, and in all things charity? And although within her fold there is a diversity of opinion, yet all men may

be united in the essentials of the faith once delivered to the saints.

How much I would enjoy reviewing with you the history of her life in England from the very days of the apostles to the days of the English reformation, when, as did the slaves of the South after the Civil War, the church in England threw off the yoke of bondage and declared her right to religious liberty which she had previously enjoyed!

But, no; time will not permit. I am recalling only Jamestown and Robert Hunt and his first service on this soil. I am recalling the influence which seemed to emanate from that little company down in Virginia, and I am recalling how that the first seeds of that life have brought forth much fruit. And I am reminded on this occasion how much may be accomplished by a few men whose hearts are touched with the spirit of God's love.

After all, is it not true that faith's prayer is a strong foundation upon which to build one's life? She employs no unique or fanciful methods to appeal to her people, but she presents as the first and only essential the pure worship of her Christ. Today the same service which was used by Robert Hunt is found as a general form of service. As a piece of poetry is found in a permanent form, so her doctrine, her faith is crystallized that it may not lose any of its beauty and definiteness.

The "faith of our fathers" is our faith and her revelation is, changeless.

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The Pacific Electric people have had
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the joints of the rails.

The last meeting of the Sierra Madre
Woman's Club for the season will be
held at the home of Mrs. E. W. Camp,
next Monday at 3 o'clock. This will be
"Grandmothers' Day" and members
are requested to dress in old fashioned
costumes as much as possible. This
meeting will be for club members only.

Brief City News.

D. B. Morrison and family have moved
to their ranch below Arcadia.

Miss Hazel Hill visited her aunt at
Alhambra, on Wednesday of this week.

Mrs. F. R. Smith entertained Mrs. R.
Cutters, of Los Angeles, on Thursday of
last week.

Dr. and Mrs. Hewitson, of Auburn
avenue, left last week for a tour through
British Columbia.

S. G. Sikes and family have moved
into the Smith cottage on Welden ave-
nue, near Central.

Mrs. W. G. Reedy and Miss Lucile, of
Marshfield, Oregon, visited Mrs. F. R.
Smith the past week.

Mrs. M. King and daughter, of Los
Angeles, have taken the Mather cottage
on Granite Heights avenue.

Orve Lewis, accompanied by his cousin,
Miss Mary Morrison, went to their homes
in Santa Paula, Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Holloran and son
Frank, of Pueblo, Colo., visited their old
friends, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Gill, last
Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Green, of Los An-
geles, have moved to Sierra Madre and
are at present occupying the Aspinall
tent house.

Miss Barnett and Mr. James Logan of
"The Californians" opera company spent
Sunday afternoon and evening with
Mrs. Williamson and Miss Lockwood.

Mr. Rich, recently of the firm of Rich
& Beard, of Mt. Wilson, with his wife
and son Harold, leave the first of the
week on an automobile trip to San
Diego.

Mrs. Edwin D. Buss, of Bakersfield,
Cal., president of the California Feder-
ation of Women's Clubs, was the guest
of her aunt, Mrs. E. M. Orton of Grandin
avenue, on Sunday last.

The rehearsal of the Ladies' Musical
Club will be held at the home of Mrs.
C. W. Hill, on Hermosa avenue, next
Tuesday evening at 7:30 o'clock. A
full attendance is earnestly requested.

An enjoyable afternoon was spent at
the beautiful home of Miss Edith Bhules
on Wednesday of this week by the Las
Aveillas Quartet. After an hour of
practice the members retired to the din-
ing room where a delicious lunch was
served. The next meeting will be held
on Friday, July 5, at the home of Miss
Elsie Caskey.

Mrs. Patty M. Gaskell, pupil of Geo.
W. Ferguson of Paris, France, Boston
and Cincinnati Conservatories, late
teacher in Gaskell Conservatory of Mu-
sic and Language, Holland, and Miss
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OUR PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Last week we published communications passing between the Woman's Club of Sierra Madre and the officers of the Public Library association, in which the club offered the library a collection of juvenile books, with case to contain same, and blank forms to be signed by guarantors of the applicants, the gift to serve as the nucleus of a juvenile department for the library. This the directors of the library declined to accept, as such, on the ground that, owing to its limited income, the Library association could not maintain a juvenile department without detracting from the efficiency of the service offered adult readers; that the library was established primarily for adult readers; that it is not, strictly speaking, a public library, as apart from the reading room it is not free, and because it receives no support whatever from the taxes; and that the children are provided a library in connection with the public school, in addition to the fact that they had neither space nor staff to accommodate a juvenile department.

In regard to the founding of the Sierra Madre public library we have received the following:

"Since a small controversy has arisen between the Library and the Woman's Club of Sierra Madre, it might prove interesting for the new-comers to know how Sierra Madre, with her limited number of residents, came into possession of such a creditable institution. To Miss Fanny Hawks is due the credit of being the first person who saw the need of a library in the place, and she very generously offered a lot to the people for that purpose. Mr. Abbot Kinney made the proposition that he would subscribe \$500.00 toward a library fund, providing the building should be known as the "Kinney Library." The people appreciated in a way Mr. Kinney's offer, but still did not take

kindly to calling it the "Kinney Library." Mrs. Ross then came forward with the offer of an acre of land, two thousand (\$2,000.00) in money, providing the people would raise another thousand, (\$1,000.00) which they very quickly subscribed. The only wish that Mrs. Ross desired was that it should be called the Sierra Madre Public Library, and that she be allowed to place over the door a tablet to the memory of her deceased husband. To be sure, this request was heartily granted, she, of course, defraying all expenses of the same. Her idea of a public library was that it belonged to the people of Sierra Madre, whether the population consisted of twenty people or twenty thousand. And if there is any clause in the by-laws or deed that prevents in any way its being a public library, then her gift has fallen far short of what she intended it to be."

Judging from this statement it would seem the intention of the founders was that it should be a public library and fulfill its mission as such. And that proper reading matter for children is quite as important as that for adults there can be no question. Nor can we see that such a department would be a serious drain upon the funds of the library. The gift would be a valuable addition to the list of books, and as each child availing itself of the use of the department would pay the regular fee of 25 cents a month or \$2 a year, this would produce more or less revenue for the maintenance of the department without incurring any additional expense to the library association. Instead of a burden, we believe the department would prove a benefit.

Until such time as the city may take steps to support the library through the medium of a tax levy we believe there are many public-spirited people in Sierra Madre who would contribute to the support of a juvenile department, and if the generous offer of the Woman's Club is accepted the News will gladly assist in raising a fund for the department. We solicit communications on this subject.

The overwhelming majority of votes cast for the Owens river bond proposition in Los Angeles last week clearly demonstrates the feeling of the citizens on the water question in that city. That an adequate supply of good water must be provided no one can deny, and that the Owens river source of supply is the most feasible is to be inferred from the large and almost unanimous vote of the taxpayers in its favor. To be sure, it is a tremendous undertaking, involving the expenditure of at least the \$23,000,000 authorized, and unless all precedents are broken, a much larger sum before the final completion of the project. But if the work can be honestly

done—if grafting and thievery can be eliminated and the money honestly expended for actual work, it will indeed be a wise move on the part of the enterprising citizens of Los Angeles. With ample water supply nothing can retard the future growth of this great center of population. No section of the country—yes, no section of the world offers so many advantages and attractions to people of means who are looking for home sites as Southern California, and Los Angeles is the Mecca toward which all eyes are turned, and the point from which incoming settlers radiate in search for locations in which to make their future homes. Observing the wonderful growth of the city the past few years, the wise and thoughtful have viewed with alarm the threatened water famine, and realized the pressing necessity that immediate steps be taken to secure an ample supply; and even now work will have to be pushed with the utmost speed to save the city from suffering.

But with this great stream flowing into the city, not only will Los Angeles itself benefit thereby, but the surrounding country for miles in every direction will reap a no less bountiful harvest through the increased influx of settlers and the expenditure of such vast sums in the prosecution of the work. For the expenditure of \$23,000,000 in public improvements means much to any section.

Yes, it was a wise move.

It is a burning shame the way people seek to oppress the poor, struggling, downtrodden public service corporations. Take, for example, the case of the Adams Express company. This company, through its president, Levi C. Weir, has given notice of a \$24,000,000 dividend on its \$12,000,000 of capital stock—only 200 per cent—and this the only real live dividend since 1898, when a distribution of \$12,000,000 was made. The condition of the poor stockholders is pitiable in the extreme. And yet some people say the trusts are robbing the people. Absurd!

"In time of peace prepare—not for war, but to prevent war," was the good advice of Congressman J. W. Kiefer of Ohio, a general of the Civil and Spanish-American wars. This remark was elicited in a discussion of the advisability of fortifying the Hawaiian Islands, to guard against possible attack by foreign powers.

When the burners of lamps become clogged, put them in strong soap suds and boil awhile to clean them.

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Membership in the association is open to any person of full age on payment of an annual subscription of two dollars or a single life subscription of twenty-five dollars. A monthly subscription of twenty-five cents entitles the subscriber to the use of the Library, but does not qualify such subscriber as a member of the Association.

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CHURCH NOTICES.

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH—
Rev. James M. Campbell, D. D., pastor.
Sunday School, 9:30 a. m.; morning service, 11
a. m.; Christian Endeavor, 6:45 p. m.; evening
service, 7:30 p. m. Strangers are cordially wel-
comed.

The Ladies' Aid Society holds its business
meetings on the first Tuesday of every month, at
3 p. m. Afternoon socials on the second and
fourth Tuesdays, from 3 to 5 o'clock.

The Woman's Missionary Society meets on
the third Tuesday of the month at 3 p. m.

CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION (Episcopal)
—Rev. Charles E. Bentham, rector.
Sunday school, 9:45 a. m.; morning prayer and sermon, 11 a. m.; evening service, 7:30 p. m.; celebration of Holy Communion, first Sunday in month, 11 a. m.; third Sunday in month, 7:30 p. m.; Saints' and Fast Days, 10 a. m.

TIME TABLES

PACIFIC ELECTRIC RAILWAY

Leave Los Angeles		Leave Sierra Madre	
6:05 a.m.	12:10 p.m.	6:15 a.m.	12:15 p.m.
6:30*	1:10 "	7:00 "	1:15 "
7:10 "	1:30* "	7:47*	2:15 "
8:10 "	2:10 "	8:15 "	2:47* "
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	11:15 "		9:15 "

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Arrive from Los Angeles and Leave for East:	
8:09 a.m. Overland	5:11 p.m. Local
9:10 a.m. Local	8:45 p.m. Overland
Arrive from East and Leave for Los Angeles:	
7:34 a.m. Overland	4:58 p.m. Local
9:21 a.m. Local	

THE MAIL

ARRIVES,....10 a.m.	LEAVES.... 8:45 a.m
"..... 6 p.m.	"..... 4:35 p.m

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RESPONSIBILITY.

Henry Ward Beecher once delivered a sermon that became a classic in American literature. It was of an old sailor upon whose face man or woman seldom looked. For this ancient mariner shunned humanity, even his own kith and kin. He was ashamed of being alive. During the Civil War he lived in a Hudson river town, and for many years the unhappy sailor spoke to no more than five persons. This seamen who would have naught to do with human society was a martyr to the ethics of the seafaring profession. An unwritten law has decreed that the commander of a vessel shall go down with his ship unless all others on board are first saved. This particular captain had in fact gone down with his ship, but some one rescued him against his will. "You have pulled me back to life," said he, "and that I live will be an everlasting disgrace."

Hence it was that he barricaded himself in his house and, until the day he died a landsman's death, shunned his fellow beings.

While no one would commend self-inflicted punishment for a

crime never committed, due, perhaps, to supersensitiveness or fear of public opinion, yet the sad fate of the old sea-captain serves as a mighty example to less conscientious public servants, particularly employes of railroads. That many of the awful disasters in modern railway traffic are due to rank carelessness is a self-evident fact. The great responsibility which should bear down upon the shoulders of men upon whose fidelity to duty depend the lives of their fellow beings apparently has little weight in many instances. Telegraph operators are found asleep, switchmen forget to man switches, engineers forget to blow whistles, conductors are found to be negligent, and each and every year adds to the ever-growing list of maimed and killed, directly or indirectly the result of just such gross carelessness and irresponsibility.

An old adage has it that human nature is the same everywhere and at all times. But it seems that, taken as a class, men in whose hands are entrusted the lives of travellers on the high seas have a keener sense of honor and feel a greater responsibility than their brothers, the landsmen. Just how to account for the deficiency in the latter is a hard problem.

This much, however, cannot be disputed. As no unwritten law seems to play a very important part in the handling of modern railway traffic, relentless written laws should be enforced to supply the want.

Culled and Clipped

Echoes of the recent "reform" fiasco resounded in the trustees' ears at the last meeting while they perused an itemized bill of the detectives, Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Caswell, for \$623.25. The Caswells claim that some of the city officials guaranteed them the money when they secured their services to "clean up the town." The demand of the Caswell's was ignored. The trustees agreed, however, to allow them \$85.00, which was collected in fines from convictions secured by them, minus the Recorder's salary of \$10, which would leave them \$75, according to the statement of the trustees. This matter may involve the city in a lawsuit later on, as the detectives are investigating their legal rights in the case. It is hinted that the reason the detectives were so suddenly "called off" from their work here may make interesting reading later on. — (Sawtelle) Veteran Enterprise.

Road improvement should be one of the vital questions of Southern California. The roads here are already far ahead of most of those in the Eastern states but they cannot be made too good. Bad roads mean, indirectly, if not directly, remorseless tax upon the people; they are the enemies of schools and of progress; they breed discontent, poverty and thriftlessness, and it is amazing how anyone could oppose the building of permanent highways, as it is a great saving in the long run. — California Citizen.

There are two ways of spending a dollar. You can spend it at home, gain an easy conscience, make another friend, and perhaps get the dollar back tomorrow; or you can send it away, feel that you have sinned, offend the home merchant, and forever lose the dollar and the blessed influence made at home for good to yourself and neighbor. — Alhambra Advocate.

As the graft investigation progresses at San Francisco the reason for the earthquake disaster becomes quite clear. The city had become so very rank that there was no other way out of it but to shake it all down, burn it up and take a fresh start. — Ocean-side Blade.

Mrs. Walter Gregory, wife of the postmaster at Sierra Madre, was a caller on her parents, M. T. Russell and wife, a day or so this week. — Downey Dispatch.

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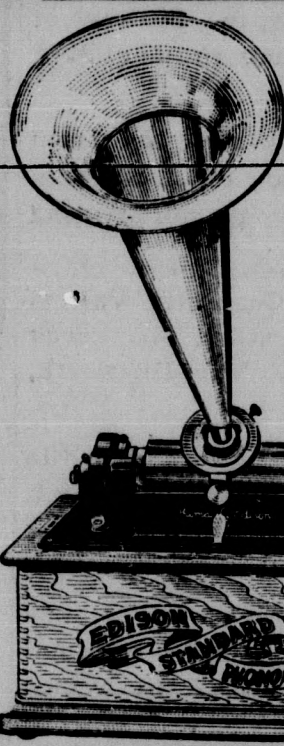
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The Monrovia correspondent of the El Monte Gazette wants to know: "Who's looking after the town while the ministers are away? Rev. Marsh gone east, Rev. Fisher has resigned his pastorate, Rev. Coons communing with the Pyramids in Egypt, and Father Sheehy away on an extended vacation. The situation looks serious to the layman."

El Monte is rejoicing over the advent of the Pacific Electric road to that town.

The first issue of the California Citizen, published at Colton, Cal., by Mr. C. S. York, reached the News office this week. The paper, a seven-column quarto, is a credit to the town and to its editor, and will no doubt receive the support it merits.

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Selected Rib Roasts, per pound.....20c
Milk Lamb hind quarters, per pound 18c
Shoulders Lamb, per pound.....12½c
Legs Mutton, per pound.....15c
Shoulders Mutton, per pound.....10c
Mutton Stew, per pound.....6c
Lamb Stew, per pound.....8c
Round Steaks, per pound.....12½c
Rib Steaks, per pound.....12½c
Shoulder Steaks, 3 pounds for.....25c
Prime Rib Steaks, per pound 18c and 20c
Sirloin Steaks, per pound.....15c to 18c
Porterhouse, Steaks per pound 18c to 22c
Pork Chops, per pound.....15c to 18c
Mutton Chops, per pound.....12½c to 18c
Lamb Chops, per pound.....15c to 20c
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A new national bank and a furniture store are among the new business houses of the past week.

Brief City News.

The Misses Vannier left on their trip East last Friday.

Don't buy your furniture in the city. Buy it right here. You can buy it here right.

Miss Myrtle Chill of Los Angeles spent Wednesday with Miss Johanna Saenger.

Do not forget there is a furniture store on Baldwin avenue. Mr. Hathaway says he can meet city prices.

Mrs. Lydia Null, of Long Beach, is spending a few days at her house on Wilden and Grandin Avenues.

The directors of the Sierra Madre Home Telephone company met in the bank building yesterday afternoon.

C. F. Ray, a prominent business man of Pueblo, Colo., accompanied by Mrs. Ray, are guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Jones.

Mr. Hunt, of the Los Angeles Examiner, and Mrs. Hunt have leased the Wright cottage at Sunnyside for the summer.

Misses Alma and Florence Moore of St. Paul are enjoying the beauties of Sierra Madre. They are guests of Mrs. C. W. Hill.

Electric power was shut off from Sierra Madre until late this afternoon, seriously interfering with the printing of the News.

Mr. Dillworth, of Coachella Valley, recently visited his brother, Mr. Percy Dillworth, and sister, Miss Dillworth, of Palm avenue.

Miss Emily Brugman attended the alumni dance of the Pasadena high school at the Shakespeare club house, Monday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Greer Caskey, Henry Caskey and Miss Hazel Rice returned Tuesday from a very pleasant week's outing at West Fork.

Mrs. Elmer Gordon and daughter Edith from Tientsin, China, spent Tuesday and Wednesday with their cousins, F. R. Smith and family.

Old Sol got busy Monday and did his best to put three figures down on the records to his account for that day, but failed by a small margin.

Sierra Madre has experienced wonderful growth and development the past year, and the next will show much greater, due to its unrivalled beauty and natural advantages.

The familiar face of Mr. Slessenger, of Los Angeles, a well known resident of this place a few years ago, was seen in the city on Friday last. He expects to take up his abode here very soon.

On Sunday morning next the Rev. David Beaton, D. D., of Chicago, will preach at the Congregational church. Dr. Beaton, who is an old time friend of the pastor, is one of the leading Congregational preachers in the Northwest. He is connected with the Extension department of the University of Chicago as a lecturer on Biblical Literature and Interpretation. Among his engagements on the Coast is that of conducting the Bible study work at the Chautauqua Assembly which meets next month at Long Beach. His visit among us will no doubt be highly appreciated.

Lawn Fete and Sale

A lawn fete and sale will be given by the Ladies' Aid Society of the Congregational Church at the residence of Mrs. E. W. Camp, on Saturday, the 22nd, inst., from two to five o'clock in the afternoon, and from seven to ten o'clock in the evening. There will be booths for the sale of fancy work, useful articles, candy and bakery goods. Ice cream and cake, tea, coffee and sandwiches will be served.

A special attraction for the evening, beginning at eight o'clock will be the rendering of Enoch Arden, which you must not fail to hear.

ADMISSION TO THE ENTERTAINMENT WILL BE 25 CENTS

COME ALL AND HAVE A GOOD TIME

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(b) Jonglerie, Godard
Enoch Arden, Tennyson
Pianoforte Accompaniment, Richard Strauss

Edith Gordon Niles, Reader
Jessie Belle Irwin, Pianist

Do not spoil the reputation of Sierra Madre by the sale of liquor.—William C. Henszey.

The Sierra Madre News is on sale at Bechtelheimer's drug store and at the Grand View Cottage, end of car line.

The small son of Mr. and Mrs. Orr of Central and Mountain Trail avenues was quite seriously burned by an accident with an oil stove Wednesday.

About noon Wednesday people at the peak noticed smoke arising from the canyon at the West Fork and immediately realizing the danger from a fire a party started down to check the flames. Two badly frightened young men were met coming up the trail, and from appearances evidently knew something of the origin of the fire. They were taken back to assist in fighting the flames. Assistance was also called from Sierra Madre, and by hard work the fire was finally extinguished after burning over an area of about ten acres. This was confined to the north side of the West Fork and very little damage was done.

Miss Dorothy Humphries upon returning home from tennis about 5:30 on Tuesday had her attention called by Wm. Brownson, on Auburn avenue near the mountains, to a snake with black and white stripes. She at once pinned it down with her tennis racket when it began to disgorge another snake of the red racer species which measured 44 inches long. The skin is being preserved as it is marked so beautifully and appears to be of a rare variety. The sight of seeing one snake vomit another longer than itself created no small sensation and will not be easily forgotten.

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Mayor Schmitz's Successor.

The San Francisco board of supervisors, acting under orders from District Attorney William H. Langdon, adopted a resolution declaring Mayor Eugene E. Schmitz temporarily unable to perform his official duties and appointing James L. Gallagher acting mayor. Mr. Langdon, Assistant District Attorney Heney, Rudolph Spreckels and their immediate associates in the bribery-graft prosecution, are by this move placed in actual control of the municipal situation. The resolution declaring the mayor's chair vacant and appointing Supervisor Gallagher to fill it was adopted after a fight on the floor. It was opposed by Supervisors Tveit-moe and O'Neill. It was voted for by twelve supervisors each of whose confessions to bribe-taking is transcribed in the grand jury records. As none of these has been indicted for bribe-taking the general understanding is that they are to escape punishment if they continue to do the bidding of the prosecution.

Sierra Madre Home Telephone Directory.

Green 21... Andrews, W. S., res.
Green 26... Andrews, Packing House.
Black 30... Baker, C. H., res.
Black 25... Bechtelheimer Pharmacy.
Green 18... Beard & Rich, foot of the trail.
Black 23... Blinn Lumber Co.
Red 35... Bartlett, Mrs. H., res.
Green 17... Clark, L. L., res.
Black 18... Cameron, J. B., res.
Black 16... Crow, George, res.
Green 27... Criswell, Ralph L., res.
Red 32... Camp, E. W., res.
Black 9... Cook, J. C., res.
Red 30... Coles, C. P., res.
Green 14... Chew, Charles L., res.
Red 20... Carter's Camp Resort.
Red 26... Clark & Graham, Hardware and Plumbing.
Blue 32... Clem, Mrs. Grace E., res.
Red 34... City Hall.
Red 24... Dietz, L., res.
Green 16... Evans, W. A.
Red 18... Fraiberg, F., Cypress Court Resort.
Green 29... Fuji, Japanese Contractor.
Black 34... First National Bank.
Red 16... Graham, J. J., res.
Red 26... Graham, J. J., office.
Green 30... Hall, W. C., res.
Red 21... Hill, C. W., res.
Black 19... Hewittson, Dr., res.
Green 14... Hatfield, Dr., Real Estate.
Black 38... Hotel Shirley.
Black 26... Hotel Sierra Madre.
Black 28... Humphries, George, res.
Blue 35... Hunt, C. A., res.
Red 12... Hathaway, F. E., res.
Black 36... Hathaway, F. E., Furniture and Hardware.
Black 33... Irwin, H. J., res.
Black 14... Japs' Employment Agency.
Red 29... Jones, C. W., res.
Blue 17... Jones, M., res.
Black 29... Kersting, C. S., res.
Red 15... Lissley, S. K., res.
Red 9... Lees, Hack Line, Office.
Green 15... Morrison, J. D., res.
Green 11... Mackarras, Dr., res.
Green 12... Madden, J., res.
Black 8... Mead & Mead.
Green 19... Noonan, J. C., res.
Green 20... Newcomb, Lewis, res.
Black 7... Newberry, Dr., res.
Black 17... News Office.
Black 12... Norris' Grocery Store.
Black 32... Northup, C. M., res.
Black 32... Needles, Mrs. V., res.
Green 13... Orton, A. L., res.
Black 24... Olsen, Andrew, Livery.
Green 24... Olsen, M., Shoe Store.
Blue 27... Olsen, H. P., res.
Black 10... Pegler, Real Estate.
Black 8... Roth & Seely, Real Estate.
Red 17... Rowley, F. O., res.
Red 14... Sebre, Chas., res.
Black 22... Sierra Madre Realty Co.
Blue 15... Sinsabaugh, Mrs. Geo.
Green 32... Spencer, Harriet E., res.
Green 7... Santa Anita Depot.
Black 11... Twycross, S. R. G., res.
Black 13... Tarr, N. W., res.
Black 27... Thomas, H. I., res.
Black 21... Torrance, C. L., res.
Red 27... Webster, J. M., res.
Black 20... Whitworth, Edith, res.
Blue 14... West, C. C., res.
Black 6... Yerxa Bros., Grocery.

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WOMEN OF INDIA.

Synopsis of Mrs. Wellman's Address Before Woman's Club.

The following synopsis of the address before the Woman's Club at its last meeting was kindly furnished by Mrs. C. E. Bentham.

Mrs. E. A. Wellman, of San Francisco, addressed the club on the subject of "The Women of India." To most people India is a land of fascinating mystery, and Mrs. Wellman gave the club the results of the intimate knowledge of the race, which she obtained while residing in the home of a high-caste Hindoo. Mrs. Wellman was attired in a beautiful silken "chudda," or veil, which is the most important part of the Indian woman's wardrobe.

India is a country whose housekeeping methods are rude in the extreme. Their homes are dirty, and their methods of preparing food far from cleanly. Much of the filth is due to the ignorance of the Indian woman, and much to the religion of the country, which has preserved as sacred many filthy buildings and dirty rivers.

The house is divided into two parts. The first and more elaborate part is reserved for the use of the male members of the household. The gardens open from this portion of the house, while the women are relegated to the back part of the house in apartments which open into an uninteresting court.

All housekeeping revolves around the pleasure of the master. The women rise about five o'clock in the morning that they may observe their devotions, and then they prepare the breakfast. They will not use stoves, so they do this by squatting around a fire built in the middle of the room. Their methods are very simple and very untidy. Rice and eggs are the principal materials used in the preparation of the breakfast.

The women of the household cannot eat, however, until after the master of the house has finished, and they cannot sit in his presence, nor see him in the presence of others, nor speak to him if his mother is present. If he has been absent from home for a period his wife cannot see him until after he has been greeted by the men of the family and by his mother. Frequently a man sees his wife for but a few minutes during the day. She never sees his gardens nor his apartments, for even if no one is present someone might appear and see her.

The Indian woman of high caste is often beautiful, always gentle, and always graceful. She is proud of the variety and richness of her embroidered "chuddas" and skirts, and is inordinately fond of wearing jewels.

Mrs. Wellman tried to teach the women with whom she came in contact, that many of their habits, customs and prejudices were unwise, and in several families she was so successful that husband and wife ate together, traveled together, and even saw one another in the presence of others.

Many of the more intelligent people realize that the time is ripe for reform. They feel that the caste system must be abolished before India can progress, for just as soon as reform is attempted caste limitations hinder it. Many intelligent men do not feel that the women need a greater education, but a few realize that the women must be educated before reform is effective, and they are working efficiently for the advancement of the cause.

The marriage customs are very peculiar.

Men and women are supposed to be "soul mates." Child marriage is one of the worst customs of India. The British government is doing all in its power to prevent it, and now high-caste boys rarely marry before they are fourteen or fifteen. To be unmarried is to be an outcast. Mrs. Wellman cited many cases where beautiful girls had been married to idiots. The groom first receives many guests in his father's house and then proceeds with his train to the bride's house. He takes his place in the midst of a large circle of people and the priests march around him reciting Sanskrit, while he throws food onto the open fire now and again. The women watch the progress of the ceremony from a screened gallery above. After several hours the bride is brought in by a priest and placed beside the bridegroom. They are tied together and marched around the room, guided by a priest, and she throws food onto the fire, and finally after many hours they are declared man and wife. Then tests of courage and skill are undergone, and the feasts and merrymaking last for quite a time.

More elaborate still are the ceremonies which welcome an heir to the house into the world. These rites continue until the twelfth day. On this day the mother and child are bathed, and the house is cleaned and utensils scoured. The father-in-law plays an important part in this ceremony, while the women dance.

There are many widows in India. They cannot marry again and their lot is made very hard. To be burned on her husband's funeral pyre was to assure a woman of a welcome in Paradise, but the British government has abolished this system.

Mrs. Wellman, with some high-caste Indians, has established a school for girls and widows, and it is doing a fine work for the enlightenment of India.

Woman's Parliament.

The thirty-first semi-annual meeting of the Woman's Parliament of Southern California will be held in Santa Monica, July 2 and 3. The particular work of this congress will be along the lines of the juvenile court and other problems of vital interest in the care and education of children.

One of the very pleasing features of the musical program will be the reading of the sacred opera, "Parsafal," by Mrs. Merrill M. Grigg, who recently read "Hiawatha" before our local Woman's Club. A musical accompaniment will be rendered by Archibald Sessions.

A number of eminent speakers from the National Educational Association are expected to be present and form part of the program.

Hot Wave in the East.

Three deaths and many prostrations because of the heat were reported in Chicago Tuesday morning. The mercury at 10 o'clock was 87 degrees, one degree higher than at the same hour Monday, when the thermometer stood above ninety for three hours in the afternoon and several persons were prostrated.

Five deaths and several prostrations due to the heat were reported in New York the same day. The weather bureau showed a temperature of 90 at noon.

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A Plea for the Yucca.

The season of the golden poppy and many of the wild flowers of the mountains and lowlands has passed and gone, but quite a few varieties remain

with us yet. Among those remaining is the beautiful yucca, the Goliath of the flora family in this region. It sends up a flower stalk straight as an arrow, from ten to twenty-five feet high and when in full bloom is a mass of silvery white blossoms. The stalk, at its base, is encircled with a mass of dagger-like leaves, from one to three feet long, each leaf tapering to a sharp point, hard in substance and fine as a cambric needle. Thus nature protects this succulent stalk from the ravages of the rabbits and deer that are numerous and roam the hills and canyons unmolested. But when the dry heat of summer comes and the green spots disappear and the hills begin to look parched and bare, this beautiful plant with its clusters of silvery blossoms stand out in bold relief from its sombre environments, is unprotected from the hands of the vandals that come out on the cars to visit Sierra Madre. The yucca is scattered over the washes, the foothills, and mountain sides clear to the top and can be seen for miles with the naked eye. Some of the vandals take them home, dig a hole in their flower pot and stick the end of the stalk therein and wet it. But it looks and feels as much out of place in its new element as a mountain song bird in a cage. It soon droops and dies. The Spaniards named it God's Candle, maybe from the shape and resemblance it bears when in full bloom to a lighted candle in full flame.

Would it not be well for the ladies' club, which is ever on the alert to protect and enhance the beauties of Sierra Madre, to take this matter up and evolve some scheme to protect this magnificent specimen of the flower kingdom in this the most beautiful of all the mountain and foothill regions in Southern California.

—Yucca.

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Domestic Notes.

To remove pencil marks from paint use a piece of lemon dipped in whitening.

Dark calicoes should be ironed on the wrong side with irons that are not too hot.

Don't boil meat; steam it, except salt beef. Don't throw away the water; use as stock for soup.

Cut a snip off the ends of potatoes before they are roasted. This lets out any stray moisture and makes the potato mealy.